Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, South Dakota was founded with hard work, perseverance, dedication to duty, and concern for others, and each of these attributes can be ascribed to Kay Hammond, who is retiring after 47 years of service with the Oahe Child Development Center; and,

Whereas, Kay has dedicated her life to Early Childhood Learning and has been involved in Head Start since 1967. In this same year, Kay was instrumental in getting a local church preschool started which is still operating today. Kay is a visionary and saw the need for preschool services long before preschool services were the norm; and,

Whereas, Kay was the first director when Head Start opened in Pierre, South Dakota, and helped provide a two month summer program. In 1972, Kay joined a group of parents to incorporate Oahe Child Development to provide a nine month Head Start program; and,

Whereas, In 1977, Kay worked for the state of South Dakota as an Early Childhood Curriculum Coordinator and served in this position until 1984. She was asked to serve on the Oahe Child Development Board and has been serving in this capacity from 1977 through 2014; and,

Whereas, Kay was awarded the Susan Smith Award by the South Dakota Head Start Association, honoring an individual who has greatly impacted Head Start; and,

Whereas, Kay has positively impacted the lives of many South Dakotans and their children throughout the years. Her enthusiasm for helping parents and children is as alive today as it was in 1967; and,

Whereas, It is fitting and proper as Governor to make special note of this outstanding South Dakotan:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim September 25, 2014, as

KAY HAMMOND DAY

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Second Day of September in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Fourteen.

Dennis Daugaard

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Patricia K Miller Deputy

Jason M. Gant, Secretary of State